

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General



Inspector General

June 22, 2005

The Honorable Anthony A. Williams
Mayor
District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Mayor's Correspondence Unit, 2nd Floor, Suite 221
Washington, D.C. 20004

RE: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT

Dear Mayor Williams:

This report is to inform you of the results of an investigation that was conducted by Special Agent James Glymph, District of Columbia Office of the Inspector General and Special Agent David McClelland, Federal Bureau of Investigations, concerning Terry L. Lee, former Communications Officer at the District of Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR).

The investigation revealed that on or about June 2004 through September 2004, Lee defrauded the District of Columbia government of \$2,495 by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises. Lee requested a District government contract company to place a \$2,495 charge on Lee's District government credit card, pursuant to an agreement that the company would give Lee \$2,495 in cash. Pursuant to Lee's request and the agreement, a representative of the company, using the company's merchant account, charged \$2,495 to Lee's District government credit card. On or about June 29, 2004, a representative of the company provided Lee the cash. Lee's scheme to defraud the District government also included his submission of false invoices to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Office of Financial Management, in the amount of \$2,495.

On February 4, 2005, the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia filed an *Information* with the United States District Court for the District of Columbia charging Lee with violating 18 U.S.C. § 1343 (Mail Fraud), 22 D.C. Code §§ 3211, 3212(b)(Theft II), and 22 D.C. Code §§ 3241 (b), 3242 (a)(3)(Attempted Forgery). Lee submitted a letter of resignation to DPR, effective February 21, 2005.

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On March 7, 2005, pursuant to a plea agreement, Lee pled guilty to Theft II and Attempted Forgery before The Honorable Judge Ricardo M. Urbina. On June 20, 2005, Judge Urbina sentenced Lee to pay \$2,495 in restitution; a \$100 Special Assessment fine; 100 hours of community service, and one year probation on each count, to run concurrently.

If you need any additional information, please contact me or Robert G. Andary, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, on (202) 727-1039.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Austin A. Andersen", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Austin A. Andersen
Interim Inspector General

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